

The London Oratory School

Co-Curricular Programme 2021 -2022



Introduction

At The London Oratory School we strongly believe that education is not just about activities defined by an examination syllabus. We encourage all our pupils to engage in a range of activities to develop their sporting, cultural and intellectual lives. Through participation in extra-curricular activities, pupils develop a variety of skills, ranging from teamwork, time management, leadership and technical proficiency. This booklet gives details of the activities presently on offer. We recommend that pupils are involved in at least one co-curricular activity each week. Participation will appear on a pupil's report.

Some activities are aimed at the VI form pupils and are therefore not available to lower school pupils.

When you read this booklet, try to keep the following advice in mind:

- Get involved! Identify two or three clubs you would like to be involved in, and choose them not necessarily because your friends do, but because you are interested in widening your own horizons.
- Think about your own personal qualities, and what you would benefit from improving. Try and match them with an activity which will help.
- Commit yourself to attending regularly for a term to give it a proper chance.

Community Service

All members of the VI form are expected to participate in a project supporting other people. Through a culture of service we hope to enrich and strengthen our pupils' abilities to contribute in their future lives. Involvement in a community service project provides excellent opportunities for making a difference to the lives of others and for personal growth for our own pupils. Available opportunities will be announced in September.

ART

Art Club

Art club is open to all. Here you can come along and continue with classwork or start a project of your own. Mr Rigano is happy to teach you cartooning and you can write and illustrate your own comic. There is an air of creativity and there have been some excellent things produced here. All are welcome. Ideas are free and so are the materials. I suggest you try it out.

Staff	Mr S Samuelson
Location	701
Time	Wednesday, 3.30 – 4.30pm
Pupils	KS3



Pottery club

Pottery Club is open to all from first to third form. No prior experience necessary as we will introduce the processes of clay over the weeks. We explore the possibilities of the material and all the amazing things that can be created from slip casting; mould making; coiling; slab roiling and then leading on to glazing and decorating your pottery. We use a variety of clays from earthenware to terracotta. Come along and explore this exciting material. All you need to attend is a creative mind and an apron.

Staff Miss S Dyce

Location 710

Time Thursday, 3.45 – 4.45pm

Pupils KS3



Art History Club

This enlightening weekly session will afford pupils an opportunity to discuss and learn about a broad variety of art work and architecture, from Classical Greece to the present day.
No prior art experience is needed; just an interest in the visual world and history.

Staff Mr D Deegan

Location 700

Time Wednesday, 3.45 – 4.45pm

Pupils	KS4 & VI Form
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Inventors & Design Club

Inventors and Innovation Club is for everyone. If you are the type of person who has a lot of creative ideas, an interest in electronics and programming, with the potential to be the next James Dyson or Steve Jobs, this is the club for you!

Design Club will provide pupils in first to fourth forms with a platform from which to develop a range of individual and team entries to prestigious design and engineering competitions, hosted by a range of well-known organisations such as the Design Museum's 'Design Ventura' competition. You will also be given the opportunity to be the first pupils in Britain to take part in The James Dyson Foundation's 'Build Air Quality Monitoring Device' pilot project.

Pupils will have the opportunity to explore the work of current and past architects, designers, and to examine innovative solutions to problems in a variety of design contexts, as well as developing their own sketching, CAD and prototyping skills in order to solve problems in competitive environments against peers both within the school and across the country.

Staff	Ms Andrews
Location	DT workshops
Time	Wednesday, 3.45pm
Pupils	All welcome



Board Games Club

Board Game Club is open to 1st to 5th form. Here you can come along and play games which involve a skill, strategy and chance with people of all ages. Plenty of games to choose from but feel free to bring your own along.

Staff	Miss M d'Aversa
Location	Fisher House
Time	Thursday, 3.45pm
Pupils	KS3



Dungeons and Dragons

Dungeons and Dragons is open to 4th & 5th form. Here you can come along and play a game which involves skills and strategy.

Staff	Miss M d'Aversa
Location	Fisher House
Time	Thursday, 3.45pm
Pupils	4 th & 5 th form pupils



Warhammer Club

Warhammer is a social game involving the painting and assembly of models and scenery. Players then use their creations to play interactive games which develop strategy, numeracy and team building skills whilst having fun! They mostly play Warhammer 40,000 but will play any system. The highlight of the year is taking part in the Warhammer School League.

Staff Miss d'Aversa & Mr C Lawson

Location Campion House

Time Thursday, 3.45pm

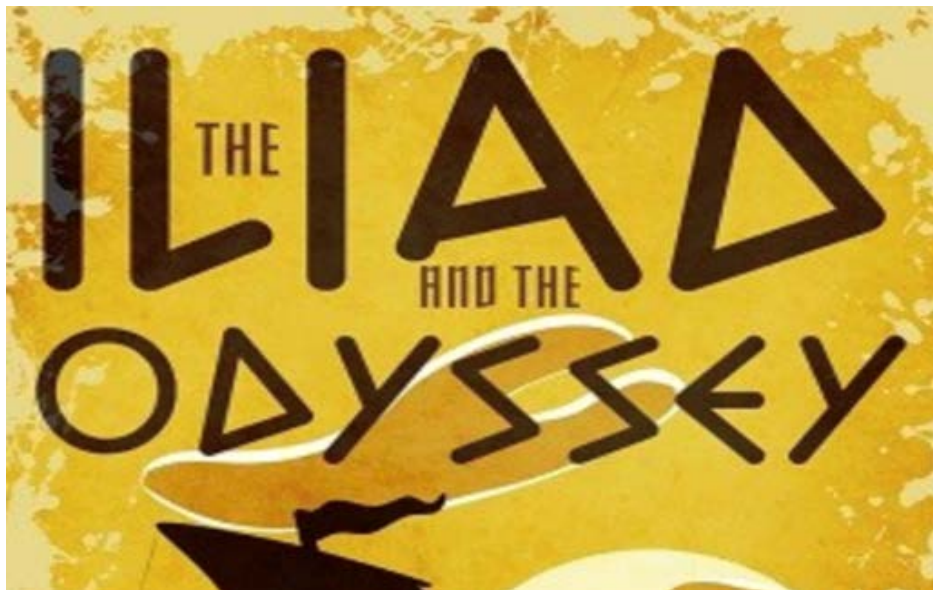
No. of pupils JH & KS3



Classics Reading Group

Arguably some of the greatest literature in the western world was written during the Greek and Roman periods. The Classics Reading Group will therefore meet once a fortnight to discuss some of the most important and influential pieces of classical literature, such as Homer's Iliad and Odyssey and Virgil's Aeneid, as well as scholarship and literature influenced by these works. This will be of interest to anyone interested in an Arts degree at university, especially Classics, Philosophy or English, or to those who are general interested in the Ancient World. We will read these works in English and so no knowledge of Latin or Greek is required. Pupils are invited to suggest texts they have a particular interest in reading.

Staff	Ms Oulitskaia
Location	210
Time	Week A, Wednesday 3.35 -4.30pm
Pupils	Sixth Form



Combined Cadet Force (CCF)

The CCF provides many exciting experiences that are not available outside of a military organisation. There are two 'Sections' linked to the regular services: Army (cap-badged to the Irish Guards) and RAF. The main event each week is Parade on Friday afternoons. During Parade, each section follows their own training program taught by NCOs in the Sixth-Form. Around once a month the Cadets go away on camps and take part in Field Training Exercises. Some of the activities on offer include: Military skills; fieldcraft; orienteering; survival training; climbing; swimming; canoeing; obstacle courses; paintballing and military study visits. The RAF Cadets fly and/or glide about once a term. Cadets can regularly shoot the air rifle, service rifle, and Small- and Full-Bore Target Rifles. In addition to the UK based Camps, there are opportunities to travel abroad for Competitions, Military History Studies and Adventurous Training.

Staff 2nd Lt W McLennan & AOU T Hargy

Location Peninsula Lodge

Time Friday, 3.45pm

No. of pupils No limits, 3rd – VI form



Cookery Club

The Cookery Club will give you the opportunity to learn and develop basic culinary skills using minimum monetary resources. The main aim is to learn to cook cheaply, safely and have fun whilst doing it. It should be of particular interest to all sixth formers moving on to university or any form of independent living. You will soon be producing delicious food from mains to desserts.

Staff	Miss M Mitchell
Location	Arts Centre kitchen
Time	Tuesday
Pupils	Sixth Form



Creative Writing Club

The Writing Club is designed to allow all pupils the opportunity to experiment and write in a variety of styles; read and critique others' work; enter in some of the impressive competitions offered at school and national level. Our focus will vary from term to term as we explore the various styles of writing from creative, non-fiction, poetry, blogs, interviews and scripts. Come along with an open and imaginative mind as we develop writing skills together!

Staff	Mrs C Walsh
Location	Room 227
Time	Friday, 3.30pm
Pupils	No limits



DEBATING

Junior Debate Club

Junior Debate Club challenges pupils in the First to Third Form to respond to topical, thought provoking debates each week. In the past we have debated issues such as, "Should we ban nuclear weapons?" or "This House would reinstate capital punishment." The club provides the opportunity for pupils to learn new skills or hone existing ones in the much needed art of debating, and gives them a chance to learn to respond to the objections of others. Debating remains a fundamental skill in life and so, whichever profession you are intending to join, come and develop this essential skill whilst you can!

Staff	Mr M Murray
Location	114
Time	Thursday, 3.45 – 4.30pm
No. of pupils	Up to 20



Senior Debating Society

The Senior Debating Society will continue to meet the growing interest in debating and public speaking at The London Oratory School. The team will continue to participate in competitions including The Oxford Union, English Speaking Union and Debating Matters. This team is primarily lead by sixth formers but 4th and 5th formers are welcome to join. Debating Team gives anyone an opportunity to try debating for the first time, simply to enjoy a topical debate or train in the British Parliamentary style. This group will allow all pupils with an interest in critical enquiry, communication and team work to engage in lively and impassioned discussion each week.

Staff	Mr J Sullivan
Location	163
Time	Monday, 3.30 – 4.30pm
No. of Pupils	Up to 20, VI Form



JS Mill Cup

Schools across the United Kingdom have been invited to enter teams for the JS Mill Cup run by St Andrew's University. Sixth Formers debate a series of ethical and political case studies and are scored for clarity of expression and critical thinking. Pupils from LOS will participate for the last year after a first attempt last year via video link which saw pupils discuss the right to be forgotten public nudity with St Pauls Girls and The Perse School. Preparation takes a number of weeks and includes an internal competition. This year last year's Team will lead and coach the Lower Sixth.

Staff	Mr O Newton
Location	215
Time Thursday,	3.30 – 4.30pm
Pupils	VIth Form



DRAMA

Junior Drama Club

Junior Drama Club is designed to encourage KS3 pupils to develop their acting skills in an enjoyable, collaborative environment. Pupils will get the opportunity to take part in drama games, and devise and perform scenes together. They will also chose and learn to perform a dramatic Shakespearian monologue with the aim of competing in the 'Performing Shakespeare' national competition. Pupils will work with and learnt from experienced mentor actors from the sixth form. No prior experience of drama is necessary. The Club should help those taking part in the school's summer KS3 production by developing their acting skills.

Staff Mr T Williams, Mr C Hunter & Miss A Halls

Location Theatre

Time Monday, 3.30 pm

No. of pupils Approximately 20 pupils



Senior School Drama

The Senior School Michaelmas Term drama production has been an established tradition for many years. Auditions are held in September for boys and girls interested in performing in the play that usually takes place towards the end of November. This is an ideal opportunity for those interested in drama and the performing arts, but it also gives pupils a chance to meet others with similar interests and work on a collaborative project with a clear goal. Recent very successful productions range from *One Man, two Guvnors* to *Our Country's Good*. There are also opportunities afforded to those interested in helping 'behind the scenes' with things such as lighting and sound, make-up, costumes and props and sets.

Staff Mr R Tilbury

Location Bespoke daily rehearsal schedule

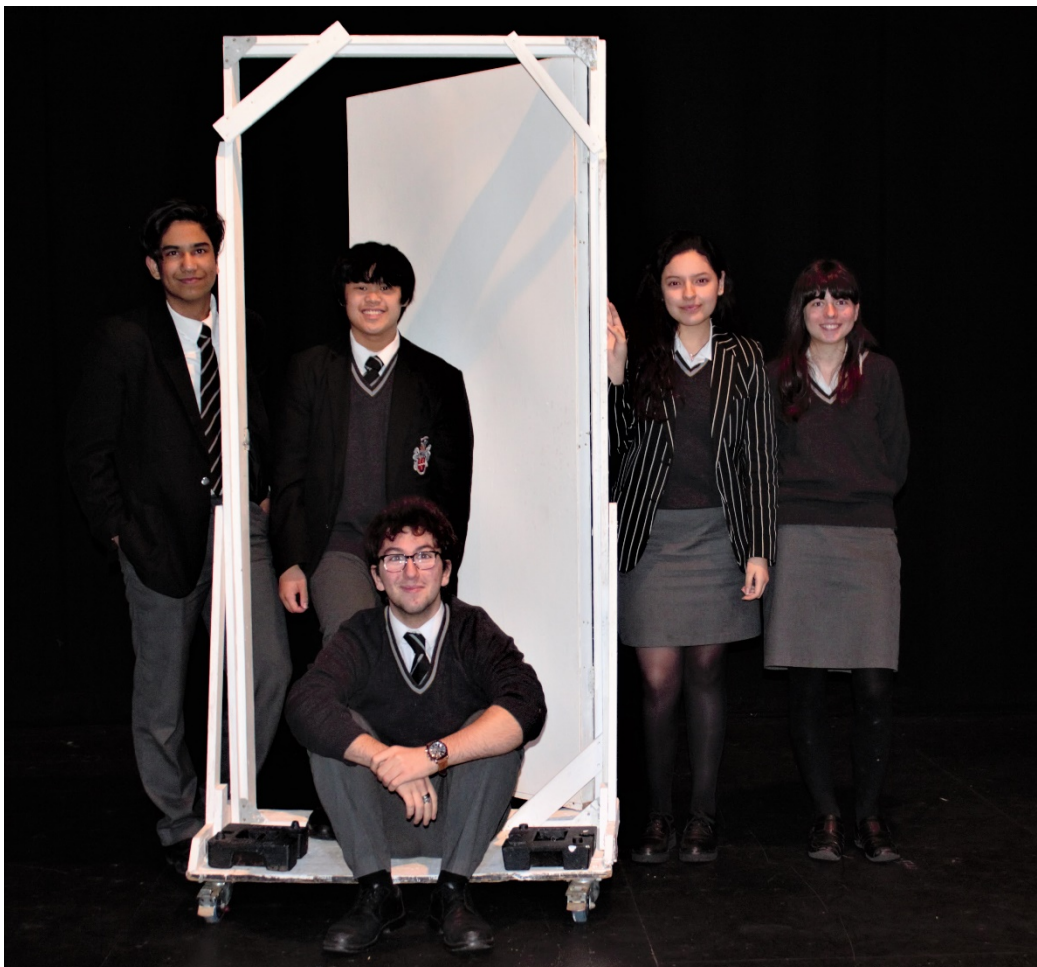
No. of pupils Approximately 20 pupils



Backstage Theatre Club

The show must go on! Sixth Formers, if you want to work in the entertainment industry, or just want to see what is involved in staging a performance, this is a good place to start. Take an active role in school productions which happen each term, to learn about and help with lighting, sound, set, props, make-up and costume; as well as being part of the stagehand crew. The numbers who can be involved are limited so it is a good idea to sign up and even make yourself available well before a production. You don't have to be artistic or technical, just reliable, willing and ready to get involved.

Staff	Ms J Dee
Location	Arts Centre
Time	Please see the Art and Arts Centre Technician for a schedule
Pupils	Sixth Form



New Views, a playwriting programme run by the National Theatre, will be back for a third year to The London Oratory School after an extremely successful intake last year that saw three LOS pupils longlisted and one pupil shortlisted to have their scripts read by actors on the National Theatre stage. This exciting and unique opportunity is open to just 10 pupils who have a keen interest in developing, writing and potentially staging their own short play. This intensive course takes place in workshops after school and includes two sessions with an established and successful professional playwright from the National Theatre. In addition, the pupils involved will attend theatre productions and learn the craft of playwriting and staging.

Staff	Mr R Beinart
Location	163
Time	Wednesday, 3.30 – 4.30pm (fortnightly)
Pupils	4 th --VI Form



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a national, non-competitive and progressive award which is open to pupils at the following levels: 4th form, Bronze; 5th form, Silver, 6th form, Gold (two years). The DofE is open to all and requires pupils' regular extra-curricular participation and effort in developing a skill, increasing physical exercise, volunteering one's time for others, and undertaking an expedition section. Approximately 120 pupils at Bronze level, and 40 pupils each at Silver and Gold each year train at school to prepare for two self-reliant walking expeditions at each level in areas such as the Surrey Hills, the New Forest, the Brecon Beacons, the Lake District and Snowdonia. At Gold level, there is the option to learn sea kayaking for the expedition section as well as the requirement to spend a week's residential project away from school, family and friends. The DofE is ideal for young people who wish to challenge themselves to attempt a new skill or activity, improve physical health, meet new friends and learn teamwork. It is also a brilliant way to give credit for the many existing ways in which our pupils already push themselves to develop beyond the classroom. See www.DofE.org or speak to Mr Edwards for more information.

DofE Manager – Mr S Edwards



ECONOMICS

Sustainable Economics and Finance Society

The world as we know it is changing faster than ever before. The threat of Climate Change, the 'Work from Home' revolution and the rise of Cryptocurrencies and ESG investing. This society aims to explore and question a myriad of issues using the lens of an economist.

Staff Mr P Gardescu & Mr D Compton

Location 110

Time Tuesday, 3.45 – 4.30pm

Pupils VI Form



The Geography Society

The Geography Society meet once a month to discuss a chosen popular geography fiction or non-fiction book. We discuss the geographic themes within the books, and how we can relate these themes back to the topics we study at A Level.

The books we will be reading and discussing in Michaelmas Term 2021 are; The Almighty Dollar by Darshini David (economics and globalisation) Shantaram by Gregory David Roberts (urbanisation and human rights and health) and The Power of Geography by Tim Marhsall (social and political geography).

Staff	Geography Department
Location	212
Time	Wednesday, 3.30 -4.30pm
Pupils	VI form



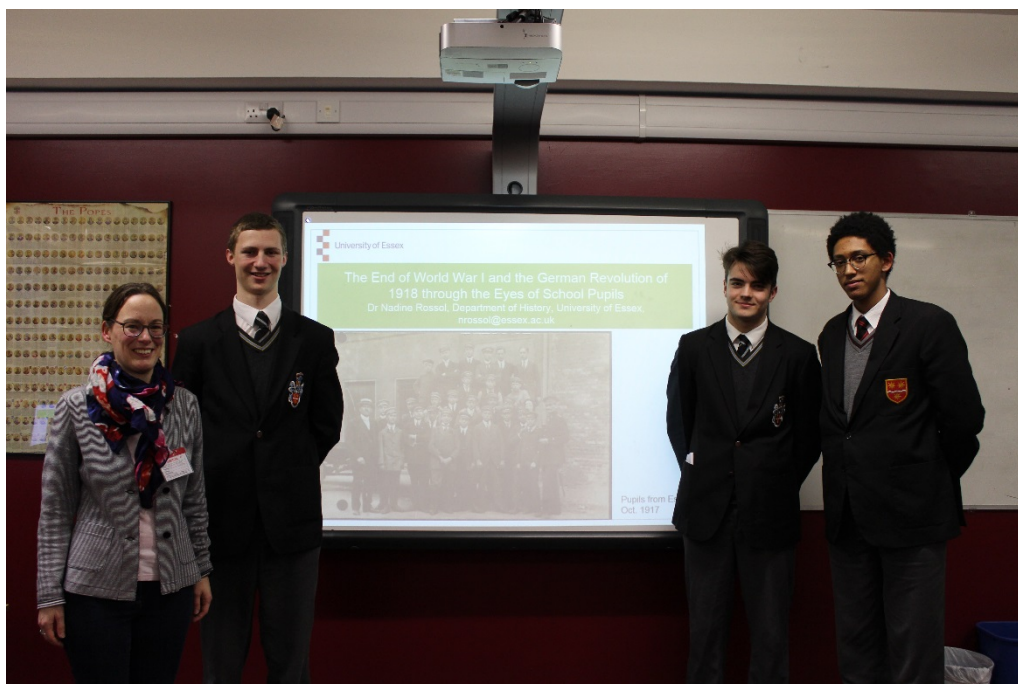
HISTORY

The History Society

History Society is a weekly meeting for sixth formers who wish to explore history beyond their A Level. It involves learning about aspects of history not studied on the curriculum, considering different ways of studying history, and thinking about history as a discipline. It is vital preparation for those wanting to study history at university, but it is open to all who are interested.

In addition, at regular intervals throughout the year, History Society hold talks open to all pupils given by a wide range of excellent speakers. Over the years, these have included Lady Antonia Fraser, Dr. Richard Rex (University of Cambridge), Professor Eric Evans (Lancaster University), Professor John Morrill (University of Cambridge) and Professor Edward Vallance (University of Roehampton). Look out for advertisements for the next talk!

Staff	Miss L Davenport
Location	117
Time	Friday, 3.45pm
No. of pupils	No limits



Politics Society

A discussion group to debate current events in politics and explore political ideologies and theories in more depth. We will read articles and extracts, choose particular issues to discuss, and hold informal debates on a wide range of topics.

Staff Miss P Shevlin & Mrs C McDonough

Location: Room 117

Time Fortnightly, Tuesday, 3.45 – 4.40

No. of pupil VI Form



ICT

Coding Club

The Coding Club is for anyone interested in learning to code or develop their programming skills. Members can choose to develop in a range of languages with Scratch, HTML and Python being the most used. You can work on virtually any project you like, but game development is perennially popular. The best coding is a collaborative process and boys will always find someone very willing to help them

overcome a hurdle or show them new tricks and techniques. Beginners are very welcome and absolutely no experience is required.

Staff Ms Roach

Location: Room 38

Time 3.30pm

No. of pupil 18 (can work in groups); 1st form upwards



Early Morning Computer Club

Early Morning Computer Club is open every day before school, giving you a chance to brush up your IT skills, practise your coding, research a topic you're interested in or just to print off your homework ready to hand in later in the day.

Staff Mrs M Green

Location	39
Time	Daily 7.40—8.25 (last admission 8.15)
No. of pupils	32 (at busy times, you will have a 15 minutes slot); All year groups

ICT



JUNIOR HOUSE

Chess Club

Chess Club is a popular activity for pupils of all ages and ability. It is a great opportunity for Junior House pupils to meet boys from other forms and to develop a useful skill. No experience is needed.

Staff	VI Form
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Location J1 classroom

Time Thursday, 3.45 – 4.30pm (TBC)

No. of pupils No limits



Lego Club

Lego has been fascinating children and adults since the 1940s. Legoland has over 2, 250, 000 million visitors a year! Have you ever been inspired to build a tower scraper in Lego? Do you still have boxes of Lego in the loft? In the Lego Club, working as a team, we will choose a project and construct our own scene. Where are your skills? In design or construction? Come and help build the next Lego world.

In charge 4th Form Duke of Edinburgh

Location Justice

Time Monday, 3.30 – 4.15pm (TBC)

No. of pupils up to 20 Junior House

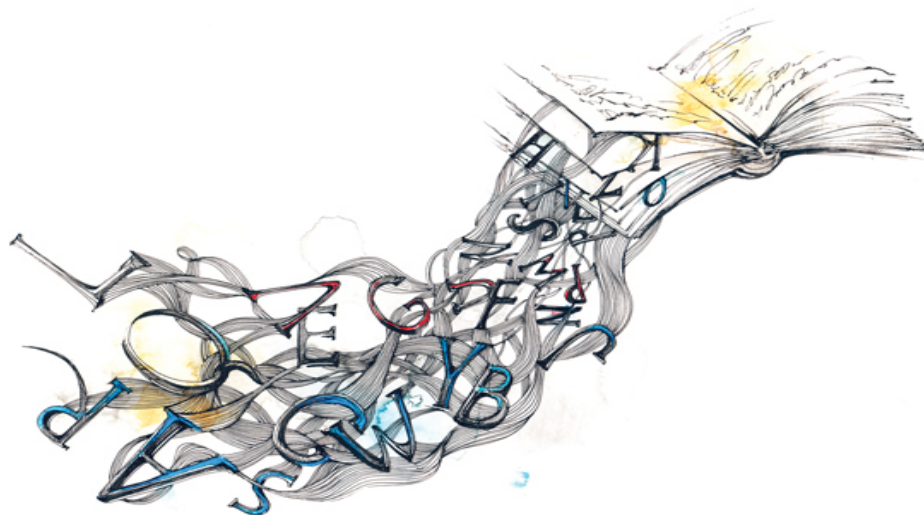


Poetry Club

The Poetry Club will provide Junior House pupils the opportunity to explore a variety of poetic forms. Students will experiment with different poetic structures, from limericks to diamante poems, offering their analysis of the works of famous poets before writing their own poetry. The club will also examine aspects of performance poetry with the aim of competing in various local and national poetry competitions.

Staff Miss D Buckley

Location Junior House
Time Tuesday, 3.30pm
No. of pupils No limits



Rosary Club

The Junior House Rosary Club is an opportunity for boys in the Junior house to explore what the Rosary is, how we pray the rosary together, and we will learn how to they are made by making our own.

Staff Ms S O'Shea
Location J1 classroom
Time Thursday, 8.25am

No. of pupils Open to all JH boys



Young Engineers

Young Engineers is aimed at J3&J4. It provides an opportunity to experiment with materials and processes common to engineering and combining science and DT. Previous projects have included The Great egg Drop, pneumatic toys, marble runs and Roman catapults.

Staff	Mrs S Harris
Location	DT Workshop
Time	Wednesday, 3.30pm

No. of pupils J3 & J4



Literary Society

Literary Society is a fortnightly meeting open to all sixth formers interested in extending their reading of literary texts. At meetings, we read and discuss novels, plays and poetry covering a range of styles and periods. There will also be theatre trips to see some of the texts we have been reading. Literary Society is ideal for all keen readers; you don't have to be taking A Level English to join in. It is essential preparation for those students who are hoping to read English Literature at university.

Staff Miss K Mullooly

Location 163

Time Thursdays (fortnightly), 3.30pm

Pupils

No limits, VI Form

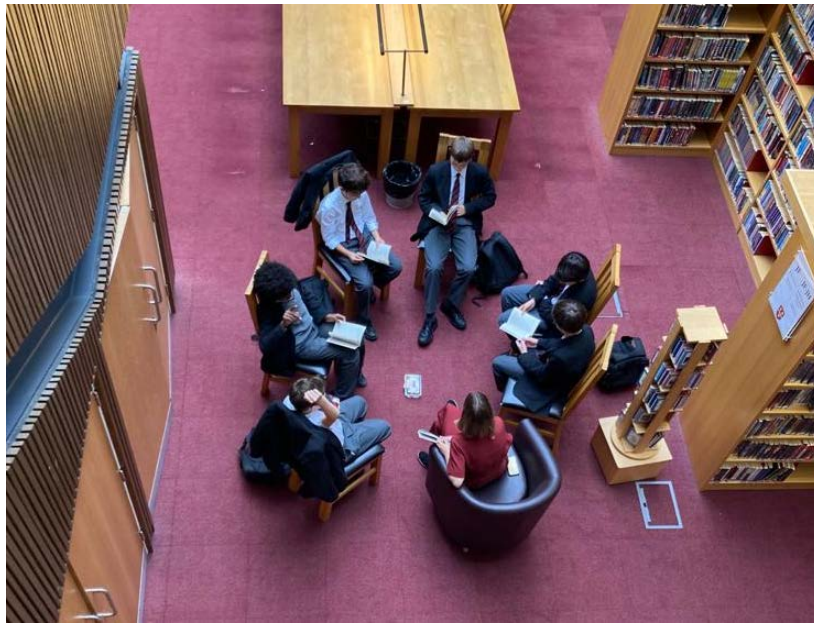


KS3 Book Club

KS3 club is open to pupils in first and second form who share a love of reading.

As a group, we choose a book to read from a selection of new and exciting novels, and we then meet weekly in the library to read and discuss our book. The choices of book and the discussions we have are pupil-led, based on the interests of those who join.

You do not need to be an advanced reader – you just need an enthusiasm for reading!



Staff: Miss Halls

Location: The Library

Time: Tuesdays (or Thursdays - flexible, depending on pupil availability)

Pupils: 1st and 2nd form – anyone can join!

Model United Nations (MUN)

The Model United Nations Society is open to 5th and 6th Formers, and the 4th Form can join from Lent onwards. Members role-play delegates representing different countries, to debate a broad range of issues which require resolution according to the procedures of the United Nations. There are regular weekly meetings chaired by Upper Sixth Formers on Mondays after school, lasting an hour. Members travel to debate regularly in Conferences with leading schools from all over the UK, and we host a major Conference of our own in November. MUN experience is highly valued by universities, as it develops essential skills in advocacy and the ability to make good arguments in an adult way.

Staff Fr George Bowen & Mr D Lynch

Location Chapel Study

Time Monday, 3.45pm



LANGUAGES

The Modern Foreign Languages Society

The MFL Society organises a range of activities including inviting guest speakers into the school, foreign film screenings and cinema and theatre visits. The aim of the society is to promote the intrinsic link between language and cultural learning. We have an enormous linguistic wealth at the School and the events organised are not just limited to reflect the languages studied here.

Staff Mr J Rodmell

Location 113

Time Mondays, 3.45pm

No. of pupils No limits



The Modern Foreign Languages Club

The MFL Club explores different languages and cultures in Europe and beyond. The aim of the Club is to promote links between languages and cultural learning. What do Russians have for breakfast? What are a French teenagers' music preferences? What does a Persian poem sound like? This Club is for pupils interested in languages, drawing on the linguistic wealth of the school.

Staff Miss G Dolatshahi

Location 110

Time Mondays, 3.45pm

No. of pupils KS3



Japanese Club

Open to anyone with an interest in learning about Japanese language and culture. We will start speaking Japanese from scratch. There will be the chance to study kanji for those feeling adventurous! We will look at a diverse range of cultural topics about Japan each week, such as:

- Films and literature (including anime and manga)
- History (who the samurai were and what they did)
- Food (the difference between sushi and sashimi)
- Martial Arts (Karate, Kendo, Sumo)
- What life is really like in Japan (you think *you* have a lot of homework!)

No prior knowledge is necessary, but an interest and willingness to read up on the different topics outside of the club would be useful.

Staff	Mrs Sundt
Room	111
Time	Wednesdays, 3.45 -4.30
Pupils	Senior School

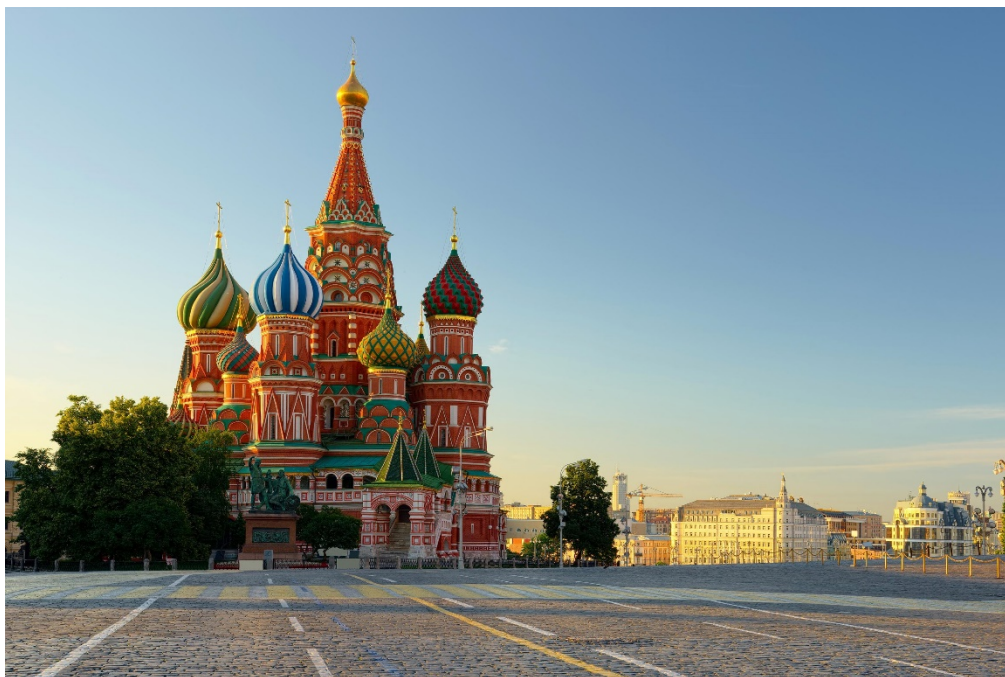


Russian Club

Russian Club is open to any pupils in 3rd and 4th form who are keen to learn more about the language and culture of Russia. We will work on developing our spoken and written language skills (ready for holidays or just to impress) while exploring such topics as:

- Russian food and drink – it's not just Borscht!
- Soviet film and music
- The history and culture of Russia

Staff	Ms Oulitskaia
Room	113
Time	3.45 - 4.30, Thursdays
Pupils	3 rd and 4 th form



MUSIC

Chamber Choir

The Chamber Choir is a well-established group of around forty members. It is open to all boys and sixth form girls after a short audition. No previous singing experience is necessary, potential is the key and subsidised singing lessons may be available. The choir sings at major liturgical events through the year, concerts, recordings and undertakes a foreign tour each year. Recent destinations have included

Heidelberg, Lisbon, Prague and Vienna. The group is ideal for those who love to sing, and the emphasis is on the enjoyment of what we perform. Please speak to Mr Speakman if you are interested.

Director Mr J Speakman

Location Music Department

Time Monday, Tuesday and Friday morning trebles and sopranos;
Tuesday lunch, tenors and basses;
Tuesday, 3.30 Full

No. of pupils approximately 40 1st – VI form



Close Harmony

The Close Harmony group comprises a group of sixth form boys who all read music to a high standard. The group has performed at concerts in and out of school.

Director Mr M Ward & Mrs J Meyer

Location Room 616

Time Thursday lunchtime

No. of pupils

10



Girls' Choir

The London Oratory Girls' Choir is open to all VI form girls who enjoy singing. In previous years, the choir sang in chapel, at the school carol service, and gave a couple of short recitals at Chelsea and Westminster hospital. The choir usually rehearses once a week, although there are occasionally extra rehearsals as needed.

Director

Mrs J Meyer

Location	Junior House Choir Room
Time	Monday lunchtime
No. of pupils	Between 10 and 20 singers



Schola Cantorum

The Schola is the school's liturgical choir which sings for school Masses and also for the Saturday Vigil Mass at the Oratory Church. In addition the Schola gives regular concerts and goes on tour annually. The choir also makes recordings for CDs and soundtracks. The Schola recruits primarily from Junior House however boys entering the Upper School of advanced vocal/musical ability are also eligible to audition. Many of the Schola's Tenors and Basses go on to win Choral Scholarships to Oxbridge.

Director	Mr C Cole
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Location	The Song Room
Time	Weekdays 8am
No. of pupils	55 boys J2 – VI form



School Choir

This large group is open to all and sings the major choral works twice a year with a professional orchestra and soloists. This choir joins with the adults in the Choral Society to form a large choir. Recent concerts include Brahms, Requiem; Mozart, Solemn Vespers, Haydn, Creation and Faure, Requiem. No experience or audition is necessary and we welcome all. It is ideal if you enjoy singing, no matter what your experience. Please speak to Mr Ward or Mr Saunders if you are interested.

Director	Mr M Ward & Mr D Saunders
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Location	Music Department
Time	Thursday am altos, tenors and basses Thursday 3.30 Trebles and Sopranos
No. of pupils	100+ senior school



Jazz Appreciation Club

The Jazz Appreciation Club is a new club open to any pupil interested in learning about the history, ideas, and people important in the development of jazz and its various styles. This will all be covered in fortnightly sessions while listening to various examples and, in some cases, playing as well. While there will be some discussion of jazz theory, no previous experience is required or necessary, just an open ear.

Staff	Dr. R Terri
Location	608

Time Friday, 3:45-4:30

No. of pupils no limits



Junior String Orchestra

Junior Strings is a popular lunchtime activity for 1st–3rd form pupils. They learn a varied repertoire of classical and popular music with recent pieces being *Jupiter from the Planets*, *The Magnificent Seven* and *The Billy Tell Overture*. They perform in the Christmas and summer concerts in the theatre. Pupils have the opportunity to make music with friends and find out how enjoyable ensemble playing is. Pupils can be of any standard but must be able to read music and have their own instrument. Music Scholars who learn a string instrument are expected to be members.

Staff Miss E Devaney & Mr D Saunders

Location Theatre

Time Tuesday lunchtime

No. of pupils No limits 1st – 3rd form



Senior Orchestra

The Senior Orchestra is the largest instrumental ensemble in the school, and comprises the most experienced performers. The group is open to all string players of grade 5 standard or above, and wind, brass and percussion players by selection. Repertoire played ranges from classical overtures to film and TV scores. The orchestra performs twice a year in the theatre, also taking part in an annual workshop led by professional players. Please speak to Mr Ward if you are interested in joining.

Director Mr M Ward

Location Theatre

Time Wednesday from 3.30 – 4.30 pm

No. of pupils

Between 40 and 55 players, Senior school



Wind Orchestra

The Wind Orchestra is a well-established and large ensemble. The group is open to all pupils who play a Woodwind, Brass or Percussion instrument. Members of this ensemble range in ability level from recent beginner up to grade 8 standard. The repertoire performed covers many styles from Classical to Jazz, Film Music and Popular genres. Public performances take place at Senior Instrumental concerts in the Theatre each term. This group is ideal for instrumentalists who want to improve their playing, ensemble skills and general musicianship through rehearsing and performing interesting and fun pieces. Please speak with Mr Speakman if you are interested in joining.

Staff Mr J Speakman

Location Theatre

Time Thursday lunchtime

No. of pupils Ranges from roughly 30-45 players



Big Band

The Senior school Big Band are looking to recruit new players in all sections. Speak with Mr Ward if you are keen to develop your ensemble playing and improvisation skills if you enjoy Jazz, Blues, Funk and related styles. Members of this ensemble range from roughly grade 5 grade up to grade 8 level. The Big Band performs in both the Senior Instrumental concerts and at other informal events in school.

Staff Mr Ward

Location Room 616

Time Monday, 3.30pm

No. of pupils 10-15 pupils, Senior school



Flute Choir

This is a new group for all pupils who play the Flute to at least grade 4 level. Come and play in a relaxed and friendly ensemble exploring a wide range of music from across the globe.

Staff Miss Parker

Location Room 616

Time Monday, 3.30pm

No. of pupils 6-12 pupils



Saxophone Ensemble

The Saxophone ensemble is open to all intermediate and advanced Saxophone players. The groups performs a wide range of exciting repertoire from classical works to Jazz and contemporary music. This ensemble performs in all Senior Instrumental concerts led by professional Saxophonist and composer Ms Simmons.

Staff Ms Simmons

Location Room 616

Time Monday lunchtime

No. of pupils 5-10 pupils



Composition Drop-in

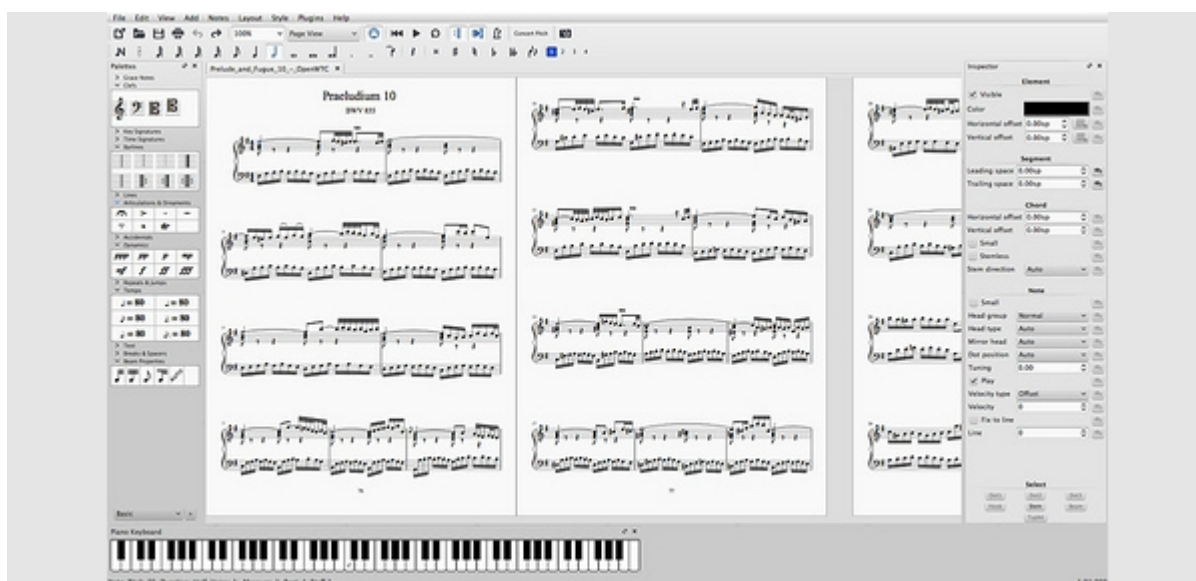
This drop-in class provides an opportunity for all pupils to develop their own composition work using MACs and a range of composing software. Priority will be given to GCSE and A Level musicians in the first instance, but pupils may speak with any of the curriculum music teachers if they wish to attend a session.

Staff Music Department

Location 617

Time Friday, 3.30pm

No. of pupils Maximum 18 pupils



PHILOSOPHY

The Newman Society

The Newman Society exists to stimulate debate and discussion in the sixth form on matters theological, philosophical, moral and political. It is named after the schools patron Blessed John Henry Newman who believed that students should be taught "to think and to reason and to compare and to discriminate and to analyse".

Staff Mr O Newton and Mrs C Mc Donough

Location RE Department

Time 3.45pm, individual days throughout the year

No. of pupils No limits



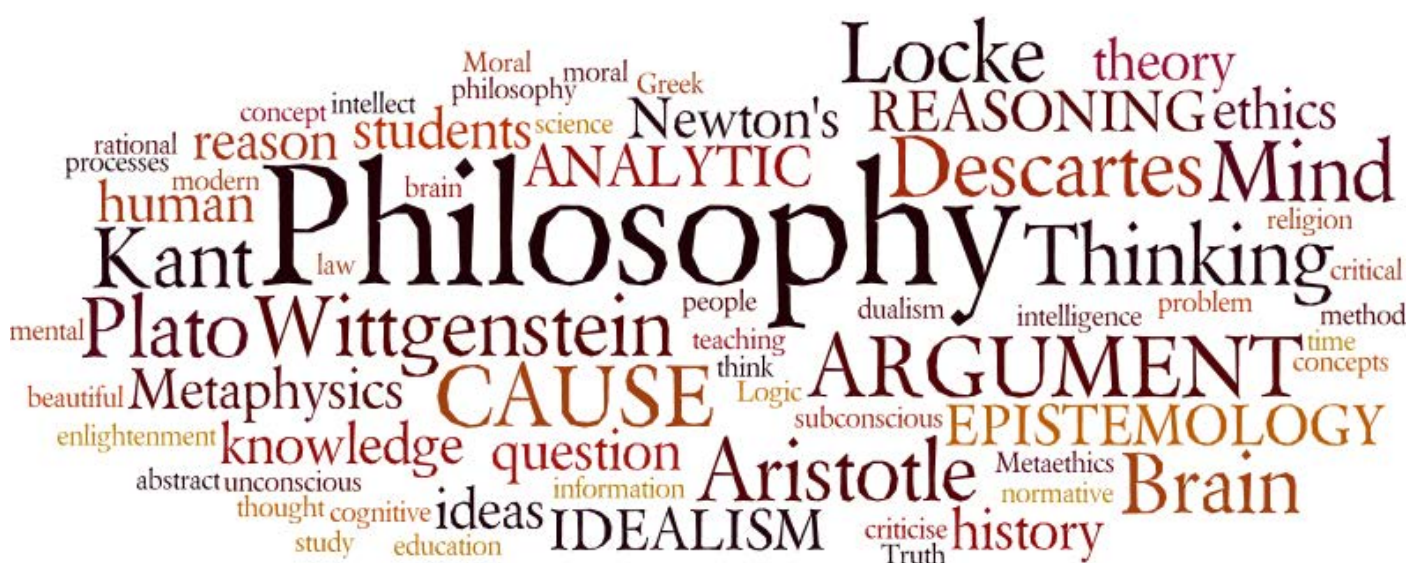
Junior Philosophy Club

Junior philosophy will be a discussion group learning about philosophical methods through enquiries based on some major questions in philosophy. It will broadly use an open discussion format, loosely based on the Philosophy Foundation and Philosophy for Schools methods, which have been proven to develop critical thinking skills and improve attainment in other subject areas. It's also fun and could be characterised as 'thought play', in a similar way that one might consider team sports a preparation for warfare.

It will start by looking at a series of questions based on the IF machine by Peter Worley.

Staff Mr O Newton & RE Department

Location 232

No. of pupils 1st – 3rd form

The Socratic Society

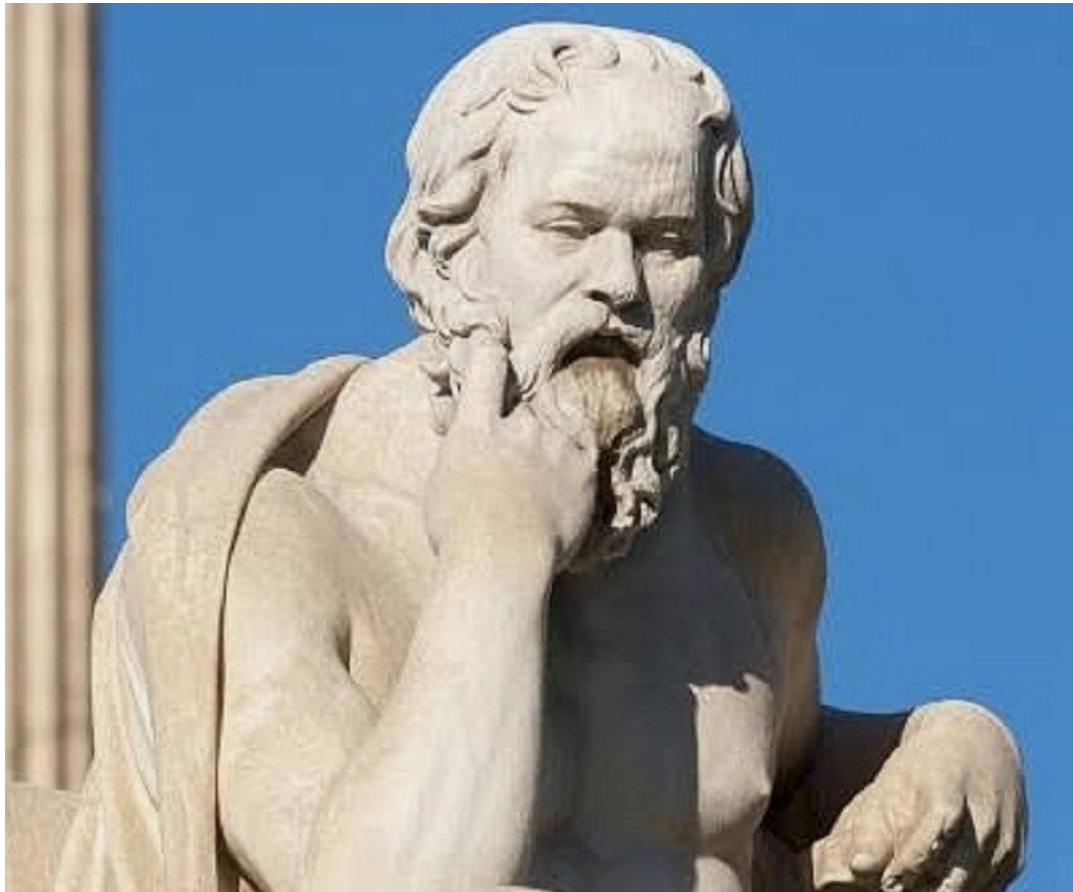
For pupils interested in an informal discussion of philosophy.

Staff Mr D Sullivan

Location 117

Time UVI Tuesday 1.10 – 1.35pm

LVI Wednesday 1.10 – 1.35pm



Photography Club

For beginners and more experienced budding photographers. Joining the photography club is a wonderful opportunity to share ideas, ask questions, practice new techniques and accelerate your learning curve. Learn all about F stops, shutter speeds, focal lengths and much more through photographic challenges, games and projects. Learn how to edit using Photoshop and share your own experiences of Photo editing with pupils from all years.

Get Clicking

Staff	Miss P Madigan
Location	708

Time Thursday, 3.45 – 4.45pm

No. of pupils KS3, Up to 15



SCIENCE

Aspiring Chemists Society

The Aspiring Chemists Society has been founded for pupils in the Sixth Form looking to cultivate an interest in Chemistry that extends beyond their school work. We will be looking to prepare pupils for two prestigious Chemistry competitions that occur in the year. Lower Sixth pupils are able to enter the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge which takes place in June, while those continuing into Upper Sixth will be able to enter the International Chemistry Olympiad early in Lent term. In addition to these two major competitions, this group provides pupils with an opportunity to take part in guided discussion and exploration of topics bridging A-Level and university Chemistry. We are looking to foster cooperation between Upper and Lower Sixth pupils which will be beneficial to the efforts of both.

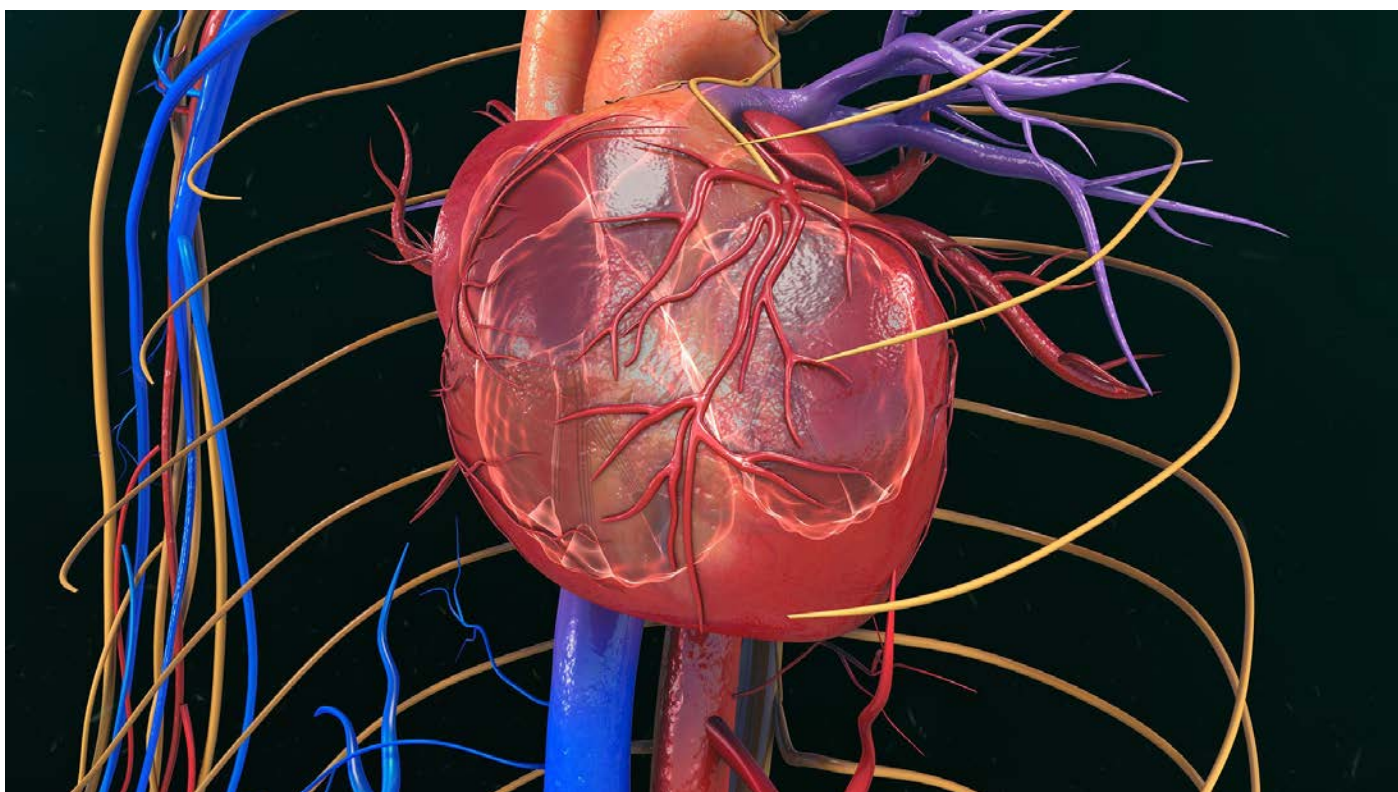
Staff	Mr L Cahill
Location	Room 314
Time	Wednesday, 3.45 – 4.45pm
No. of pupils	Up to 30



Biology Clinic

The biology clinic is open to all AS level students. Here you can come along and deconstruct classwork, construct understanding of biological processes, stretch and challenge yourself into learning exam techniques and apply/utilise previously learnt knowledge. A variety of resources will be used to support your transition into sixth form.

Staff	Ms. D. Baldassa
Location	Room 318 - Science Suite
Time	3.30 – 4.30pm
No. of pupils	VI form only



Key Stage 3 Science Club

A group for pupils 1st to 2nd form who enjoy exploring a range of exciting experiments with help from Sixth Form volunteers. There is a positive competitive element is encouraged with some activities such as: building the Crafty Raft that will float will added mass or designing the most aerodynamic Super Looper. Working as part of a team and scientific knowledge are regularly enhanced. The activities involve all three sciences: Biology, Chemistry and Physics and aim to develop pupils' knowledge beyond the syllabus in a fun and practical way

Staff	Mr Fernandez-Cuervo
Location	302
Day	Wednesday, 3:45-4:45pm

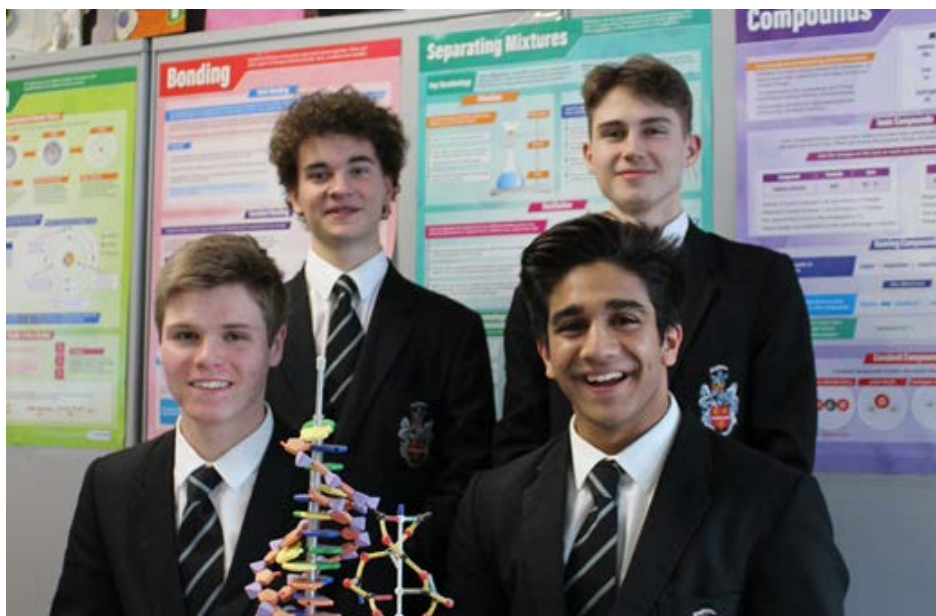
Number of pupils 32 max



Medical Society

A group of prospective medics meet weekly to navigate through the medical and veterinary school application process. The pupils support each other, share information and discuss current medical topics in the news. Help is provided by sitting UKCAT and BMAT examinations, volunteering and work experience placements, as well as information on differing course requirements and admissions criteria.

Staff	Mr Gunasekara
Location	319
Day	Wednesday, 1.15
Number of pupils	15-20 VI Form



Science Society

Science Society arranges talks from academics and professionals on Science and Engineering to be held at school and visits to public talks at universities and institutions in London. The Society has a history of hosting speakers highly notable in their fields, such as: Professor Martinez-Botas on the internal combustion engine, Brendan Curran on 'Are we more than our genes' and Dr Jessica Wade on Plastic electronics. If you know anyone who would be happy to give a talk or are interested in going to any events please contact Miss Lucas.

Staff Mr Cahill

Talks 4th - UVI

Visits: VI form only

Day 3.45pm, various afternoons



GCSE Physics Olympiad Club

"To raise new questions, new possibilities, to regard old problems from a new angle, requires creative imagination and marks real advance in science." Albert Einstein.

The Physics Department invites enthusiastic 5th form pupils to meet every Friday lunchtime and take on the challenge of Oxford University's Physics Olympiad Papers. The club has proved popular with pupils hoping to study Physics at A-Level and beyond. The tasks set each week are suitably mind-boggling; pupils relish the chance to discuss their ideas and get 'stuck in' to each open ended problem. Mathematical aptitude is a key factor behind the reasoning involved with these unique set of problems. Pupils display genuine pleasure weighing up the countless possibilities when approaching each new task, and passionately attempt to justify their first ideas. The Physics Olympiad Challenge takes place during March and is an optional examination for club members. Many club members choose to participate and compete for the much coveted Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards

Staff	Dr R Terri and Miss A Rellstab
Time	Friday lunchtimes, Michaelmas and Lent terms only
Location	311



AS Physics Olympiad

The AS Physics Olympiad club runs once a week, after school. This serves as an excellent opportunity for enthusiastic pupils to enhance their understanding of Physics and improve their problem solving skills. Each question is designed to stretch gifted pupils and develop their resilience and level-headed approach towards tricky problems. The AS Physics Olympiad Challenge is run in March by Oxford University and assesses Lower Sixth pupils across the country, to determine the most talented.

Staff	Dr Terri and Miss A Rellstab
Time	Tuesday, 3.45pm
Location	311



THE EUCLIDEAN SOCIETY

Over the last few year, extracurricular mathematics has continued to grow. From fun activities and puzzles all the way up to national competitions, if you're interested, there will be a circle for you.

Chess Circle



- Weekly opportunities to play chess
- All pupils
- Various competitions

Senior (No Stress) Chess

Staff	Mr A Sztranyovszky
Time	Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm

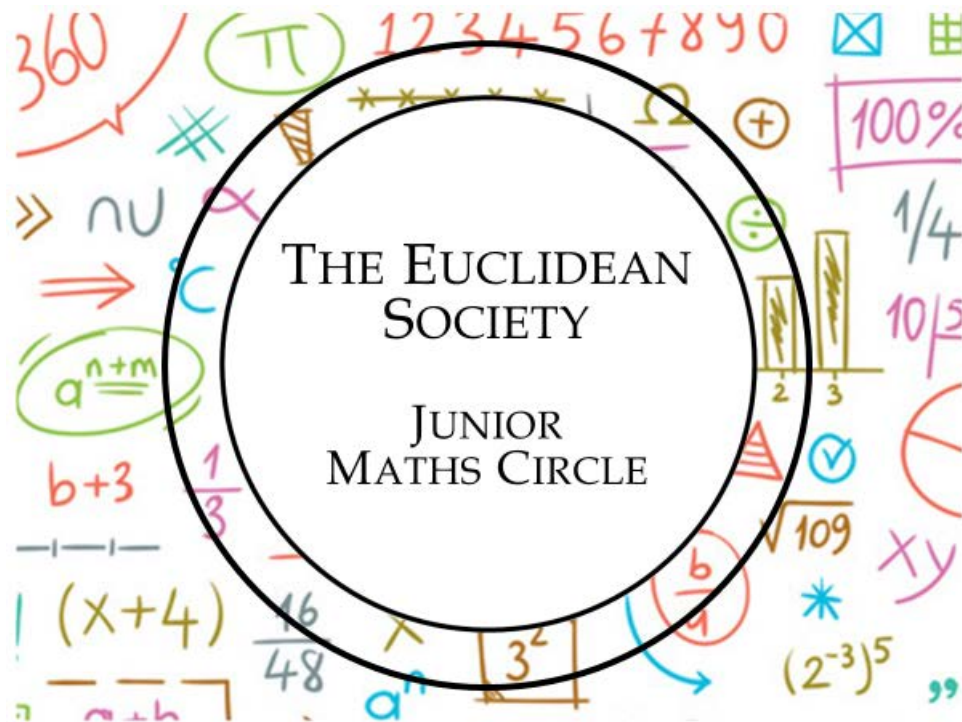
Junior Chess

Staff	Mr Iqbal
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Strategies Club

Staff	Mr A Sztranyovszky
Time	Mondays 1:10pm-1:40pm

Junior Maths Circle

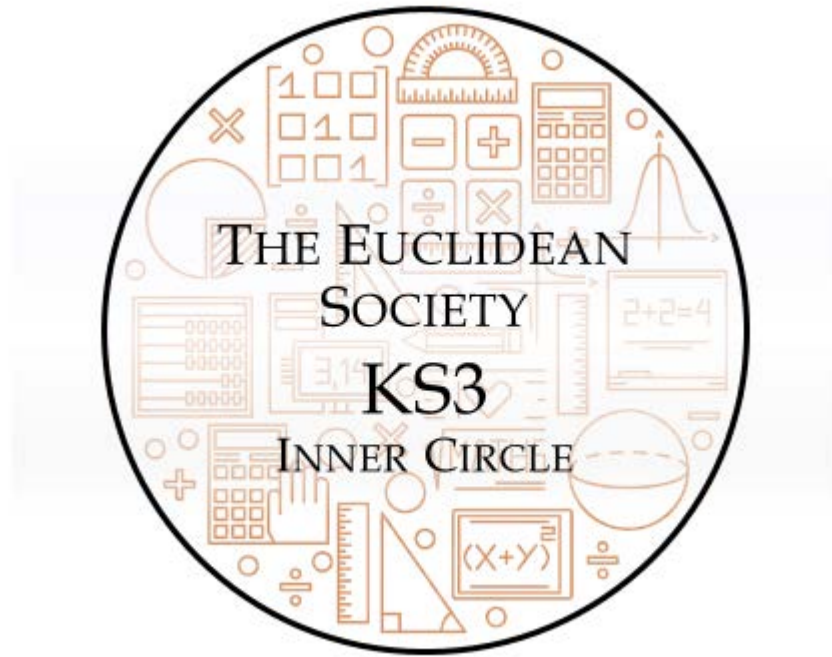


- Primary Mathematics Challenge
- Junior House pupils only
- Weekly activities led by two lower sixth form pupils
- Activities include using maths to cheat, solving riddles and sending coded messages

Staff VI Form pupils – Miss Qi

Time Thursdays after school

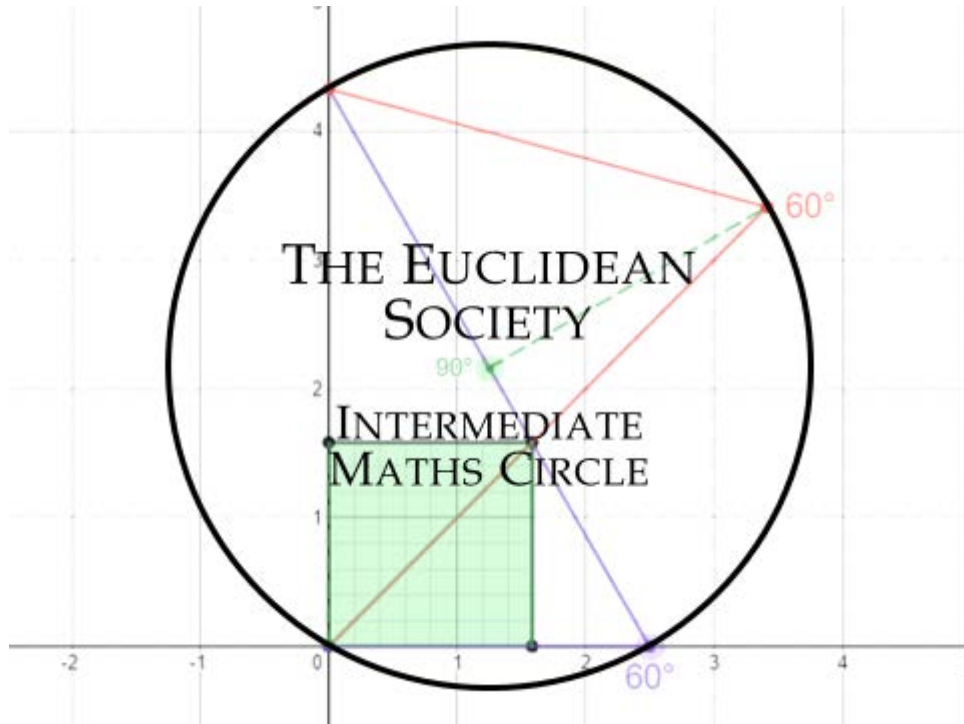
KS3 Inner Circle



- Open to pupils in 1st, 2nd and 3rd forms
 - Junior Mathematics Challenge - First and Second form pupils only
 - Team Mathematics Challenge
- Two pupils from 2nd form and two pupils from 3rd form join forces to compete in a fast paced competition for a position in the regional finals.

Staff Mr Z Iqbal
Time Friday lunchtime

Intermediate Maths Circle

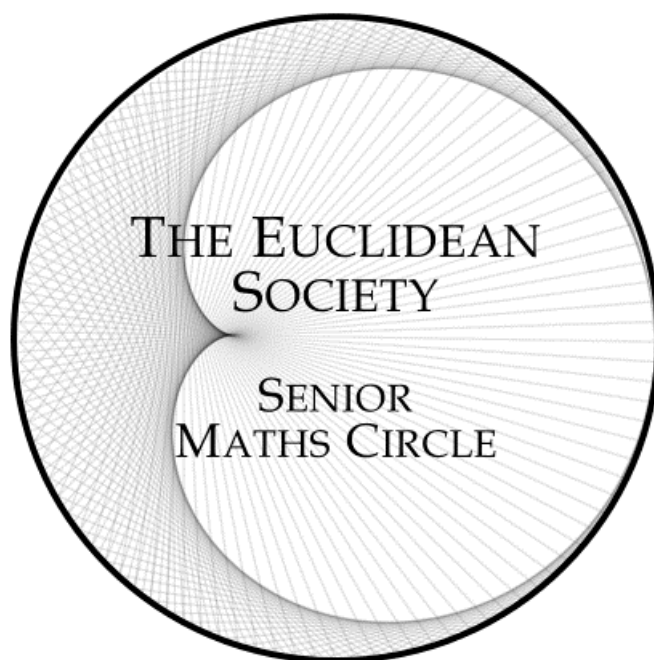


- Open to pupils in 4th and 5th forms
- Intermediate Mathematics Challenge - Fourth and Fifth form pupils only
- Ibstock Place Fourth Form Competition
- Four 4th form pupils take part in an afternoon of problem solving and challenges.

Staff
Time

Miss O'Donoghue
Wednesday after school

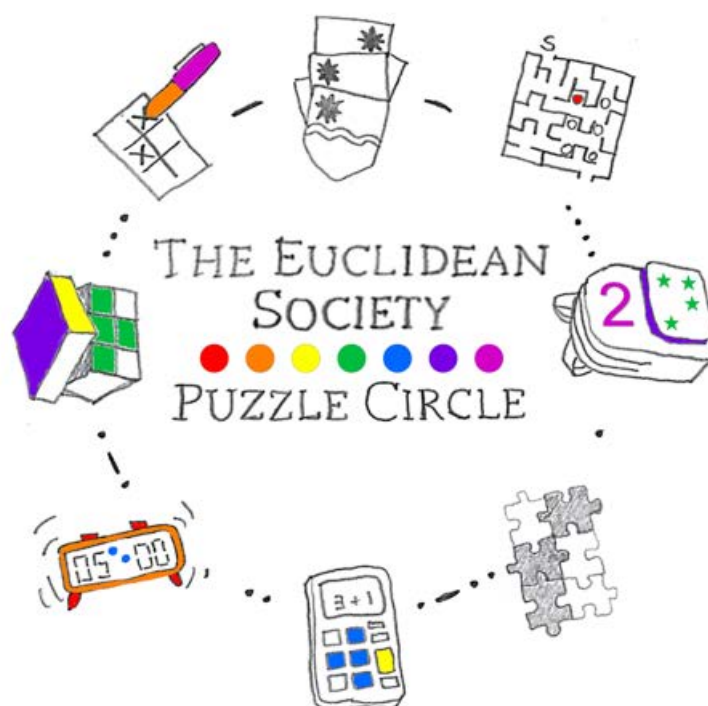
Senior Maths Circle



- Open to pupils in 6th form
- Senior Mathematics Challenge - Sixth form pupils only
- Senior Team Challenge
A team of four sixth form pupils engage in a challenging and varied event against many of the prestigious independent schools in London.
- Senior Mathematics Challenge - Sixth form pupils only
- Hans Woyda Mathematics Challenge
A team of four are entered in a league competition in which schools in London compete against each other in mathematical problem-solving.
- Olympiads work through some of the more challenging problems from the UKMT mentoring program.
- Kangaroo and Olympiad competitions
High scoring individuals get the opportunity to compete in the tougher follow on rounds

Staff	Mr Penn
Time	Friday lunchtime

Puzzle Circle



- Open to all pupils
- Explore a variety of puzzles to develop problem solving techniques
- Compete as part of a team ~4 pupils
- Take part in various puzzle hunt events

Staff	Mr A Rubio
Time	Mondays after school

SPORT

There is a wide range of sporting activities available throughout the week.

Boxing

Boxing is open to all pupils in the Senior School. There is not a requirement for previous boxing experience to join the Club. The Boxing Club is a new addition to the co-curricular activities and will prove to be challenging yet fulfilling experience for the pupils. The Club hopes to enter interschool competitions in the near future. For more details please see Mr McLennan.

Staff	Mr W McLennan & Mr R West
Location	Gym
Day	Tuesday and Thursday, 3.30 – 4.45pm
Number of pupils	1 st – 3 rd , 4 th – VI



Cricket

The Cricket Club is a well-established Trinity Term activity for pupils from First to Fourth Form. Once per week training sessions take place after school on the Astroturf, focusing on skill development and games understanding. Training is open to all pupils, regardless of ability or prior experience. In recent years, the school teams have been very successful when competing in the Hammersmith and Fulham Cricket League. Matches take place after school at Barn Elms or at other local schools, lasting between 16-20 overs.

Staff	TBC
Location	Astro
Training	Up to 40 pupils, KS3-VI Form
Matches	11



Cross Country Club

Staff	Mr Tilbury
Location	Offsite running route (5-10 km)
Time	Monday 3.30-4.30pm
Pupils	1-6 th (suitable runners only)



Fitness club is open to all from Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Form and runs throughout all Three Terms. The club aims to meet a range of needs whether pupils wish to take part in fitness sessions such as Insanity or group cycling, learn new exercise techniques or take advantage of the opportunity to socialise and make new friends. During the Michaelmas Term, The London Oratory School will take a team of Fourth Form pupils to compete in the Hammersmith and Fulham 'x-fit challenge', consisting of indoor cycling, rowing and other strength based activities.

Staff	Mr W McLennan
Location	Gym
Time	Wednesday and Friday, 7.30 – 8.20pm
Pupils	1 st - VI



Football

Staff	Mr D Compton & Mr D Rees-Williams
Location	Hurlingham Park
Time	Friday 3.30-5.00pm
Pupils	VI th form boys



Netball

Open to all Sixth Form Girls, training takes place every Tuesday on the Astroturf. Teams are selected to participate in the Hammersmith and Fulham Netball Competition and a number of matches also take place during the Michaelmas and Lent Terms. The club proves increasingly popular and is a great place to relax and make new friends, as well as becoming better new players! All girls welcome!

Staff Miss I Thornton & Miss C Maddams

Location Astro

Time Wednesday, 3.30 - 5pm

Pupils VI form girls



Stretch and tone

A flexibility training class designed to relax and rebalance your muscles and increase your range of movement. This class will improve your fitness, support general well-being and provide a great place to make new friends.

Staff	Mrs T Madigan
Location	Room 54
Time	Tuesday 3.30-5.00pm
Pupils	VI th form girls



Table Tennis

Table tennis has proven to be ever-popular. As a sport for all, table tennis club is a great place to make new friends as well as learn the skills required to play this tremendously enjoyable activity. Pupils will learn a range of serving techniques and develop basic or complex skills, depending on ability. There is opportunity for pupils to represent the school in the Hammersmith and Fulham Table Tennis Competition. All equipment is provided; however, pupils are welcome to bring their own bat. New members are always welcome.

Staff	Dr G Clottey
Location	VI Form Common Room
Time	Monday, 3.30 – 4.30pm
Pupils	1 st – VI Form



Tennis is a summer sport open by invitation only to pupils who play outside of Games or who have played tennis before.

We train both for singles and doubles at Battersea Park on an Astro court.

There is an A team and a B team per year group, and we compete regularly against other schools.

Staff: Miss Thornton and Mr Devlin

Location: Battersea Park

Time: Monday 4pm-5pm (Lent and Trinity Term only)

Pupils: 1st Form to 5th Form by invitation only



RUGBY

Rugby is one of the most popular extra-curricular activities with multiple teams in every year group represented on Saturday mornings throughout the Michaelmas Term.

U18	Barn Elms	Mr B Lewis & Mr M McDonough	VI th Form	Varies	2.30 – 5.00 pm
U16	Astro & Barn Elms	Mr M McDonough & Mr C Lawson	5 th Form	Mon & Thurs	3.30 – 4.45 pm 3.00 – 4.30 pm
U15	Barn Elms	Mr C Devlin & Mr J Harnett	4 th Form	Tues	3.00 – 4.30 pm
U14	Astro & Barn Elms	Mr J Gallagher & Mr B Maguire	3 rd Form	Wed & Thurs	3.30 – 4.30 pm 2.00 – 4.00 /
U13	Barn Elms & Astro	Mr W MacLennan & Mr T Hargy	2 nd Form	Mon & Tues	2.00 – 4.00 pm 7.30 – 8.20 am
U12	Astro & Barn Elms	Mr K Moran, Mr B Paull & Miss C Griffiths	1 st Form	Tues & Fri	3.30 – 4.30 pm 2.00 – 3.45 pm



Water Polo

Water polo is open to select pupils from the Junior House and Senior School who have prior experience of water polo or club swimming. The water polo team have been incredibly successful in recent years, winning the South of England Schools Competition in 2015. For further details, please speak with Mr Rocha

Staff	Mr R Rocha & Mr R Chee-A-Tow
Location	Pool
Time	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 3.30-5.00pm
Pupils	JH - VI (by invitation only)

